

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for obtaining information in an information exchange framework,
2 comprising:
 - 3 a) receiving a request via a network from a third party for information about a
4 subject, wherein the request includes an identifier associated with the subject;
 - 5 b) utilizing the received identifier to identify the subject;
 - 6 c) determining the third party's right to access information about the subject based
7 on the received identifier; and
 - 8 d) utilizing the network to provide the third party with information about the subject
9 that the third party is determined to have a right to access.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the third party transmits the request via the
2 network utilizing a wireless device.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier comprises at least one of a numeric
2 character string and an alphanumeric character string.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the network comprises the Internet.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier includes information about the
2 subject relating to at least one of: a name, a date of birth, and a blood type.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier has a duration of validity for
2 associated therewith, and wherein the determination of the third party's right to
3 access information about the subject based on the received identifier includes a
4 determination of whether the request is received within a time frame set by the
5 duration of validity.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein a set of the information about the subject stored
2 in the database is associated with the received identifier, and wherein
3 determination of the third party's right to access information about the subject
4 based on the received identifier includes an identification of the set of information
5 stored in the database that is associated with the received identifier.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein information about the third party is stored in the
2 database for subsequent retrieval by the subject.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the subject is permitted to update the information
2 about the subject via the network.

1 10. A system for obtaining information in an information exchange framework,
2 comprising:

- 3 a) logic for receiving a request via a network from a third party for information
4 about a subject, wherein the request includes an identifier associated with the
5 subject;
- 6 b) logic for utilizing the received identifier to identify the subject;
- 7 c) logic for determining the third party's right to access information about the
8 subject based on the received identifier; and
- 9 d) logic for utilizing the network to provide the third party with information about
10 the subject that the third party is determined to have a right to access.

1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the third party transmits the request via the
2 network utilizing a wireless device.

1 12. The system of claim 10, wherein the identifier comprises at least one of a numeric
2 character string and an alphanumeric character string.

1 13. The system of claim 10, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

14. The system of claim 10, wherein the identifier includes information about the subject relating to at least one of: a name, a date of birth, and a blood type.

15. The system of claim 10, wherein the identifier has a duration of validity for associated therewith, and wherein the determination of the third party's right to access information about the subject based on the received identifier includes a determination of whether the request is received within a time frame set by the duration of validity.

16. The system of claim 10, wherein a set of the information about the subject stored in the database is associated with the received identifier, and wherein determination of the third party's right to access information about the subject based on the received identifier includes an identification of the set of information stored in the database that is associated with the received identifier.

17. The system of claim 10, wherein information about the third party is stored in the database for subsequent retrieval by the subject.

18. The system of claim 10, wherein the subject is permitted to update the information about the subject via the network.

19. A computer program product for obtaining information in an information exchange framework, comprising:

- a) computer code for receiving a request via a network from a third party for information about a subject, wherein the request includes an identifier associated with the subject;
- b) computer code for utilizing the received identifier to identify the subject;
- c) computer code for determining the third party's right to access information about the subject based on the received identifier; and

9 d) computer code for utilizing the network to provide the third party with
10 information about the subject that the third party is determined to have a right to
11 access.

1 20. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the identifier has a duration
2 of validity for associated therewith, and wherein the determination of the third
3 party's right to access information about the subject based on the received
4 identifier includes a determination of whether the request is received within a time
5 frame set by the duration of validity.